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SUBJECT: AMIN MEETS NEW ACTING BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER

1. PRESIDENT AMIN MET SEPTEMBER 25 WITH MR. HENNESSY, NEW ACTING BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER TO UGANDA. AMIN CLAIMED ONLY PROBLEM BETWEEN HMG AND GOU CONCERNS HIS DECISION TO DECLARE ECONOMIC WAR AND SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE PRIME MINISTER HEATH IN UGANDA TO DISCUSS COMPENSATION ISSUE.
2. AMIN ADVISED BRITISH CITIZENS IN UGANDA TO COOPERATE AND NOT ENGAGE IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. HE PRAISED BRITAIN FOR PAST TRAINING OF UGANDANS AND THEIR DISCIPLINE. HE SAID HE WOULD WELCOME BRITISH MILITARY OFFICERS TO UGANDA.
3. AMIN GAVE PERSONAL PRAISE TO HENNESSY SAYING HE WAS AN BRILLIANT AND INTELLIGENT OFFICER WHO SPEAKS THE TRUTH AND DISPLAYS A HIGH DEGREE OF INTEGRITY. HE SAID HENESSY IS THE ONLY BRITISH DIPLOMAT WITH WHOM HE HAS "IMMEDIATELY AGREED" AND HOPES THROUGH HIM RELATIONS BETWEEN UGANDA AND BRITAIN WILL IMPROVE.
4. AMIN EXPRESSED HOPE UGANDA COULD IMPORT "SPARE PARTS"

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FOR AUTOMOBILES AND GUNS DIRECTLY BUT SAID UGANDA COULD GET

THEM FROM OTHER SOURCES IF NECESSARY.

5. ON INTERNATIONAL SCENE HE SUGGESTED BRITAIN PRESSURE
RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA ON RACIST ISSUES AND SUGGESTED THAT
REOPENING OF SUEZ CANAL WOULD BE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO BRITAIN.
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